

August 25, 2010

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am looking forward to having your child in my Introduction to Biology class this year. The North Carolina Standard of Study for Biology covers a lot of topics so in the Introduction Class we will introduce the 3 most difficult goals to your student. In their Second Semester Biology Class they will cover the entire curriculum. Having just reviewed the most difficult topics, the students feel more confident. The success of your child depends on all of us working together.

To help your child achieve this:

- 1. Please review with your child all the papers sent home:** Course Plan, Safety Contract, and the Science Dept. Rules & Regulations.
- 2. Attendance is extremely important!** Students will benefit daily from classroom activities that are essential to the course. All missed assignments must be made up.
- 3. Homework may be assigned each night.** This ensures we cover the curriculum. Please provide an environment (time, space, resources) for homework and studying that supports success.
- 4. Mid-term & End of the 6 weeks progress reports will be sent home.** These must be signed and returned for a grade within 5 school days. Approximate mid 6 weeks dates are Sept. 15, Oct. 27, & Dec. 6. End of 6 weeks progress reports are Oct. 6, Nov. 19, & Jan. 14.
- 5. An Exam will be given that covers the goals we will cover.** It will be given between Jan. 11 – 14, 2010. This exam counts 25% of their TOTAL GRADE.
- 6. Positive reinforcement is very important!** Examples we use are verbal praise, notes sent home, & phone calls. For extra assistance and extra credit your child can do test corrections after school. There are also study websites available.

If at any time you have questions please call or email me and we can set up a conference. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and to review the papers describing the course expectations with your child. Your involvement in your child's education is very important. Please return the signature sheet to me as soon as possible. With good communication and working together, we can produce the best learning experience for your child.

Sincerely,

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